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NOTICE

The recessed meeting of the **Health & Hospitals Committee** of June 9, 2009 of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County will reconvene on **Tuesday, June 16, 2009** at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

298604 IN OPPOSITION TO THE RELOCATION OF THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE OAK FOREST HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY CAMPUS (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Peter N. Silvestri and Earlean Collins, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**IN OPPOSITION TO THE RELOCATION OF THE
COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
TO THE OAK FOREST HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Public Health has been located at its current location at 1010 Lake Street in Oak Park, Illinois since 1992, having relocated from its Maybrook County Courthouse facility for the purpose of providing additional courtrooms; and

WHEREAS, the facility is centrally located in Cook County in downtown Oak Park, accessible to the CTA Green Line and the Blue Line, the METRA railroad line and the Eisenhower Expressway and numerous PACE and CTA bus lines; and

WHEREAS, the facility includes the Department's administration offices, various educational programs, and public information resources, which are utilized by municipalities, public and private schools, community groups, the press and the public; and

WHEREAS, Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County is located in the far southwest section of the County and is not nearly as accessible as the Oak Park location; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County site requires the expenditure of public funds, which far outweigh a long term rental of space in a central location; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cook County and their municipalities and schools are better served in an accessible, central location, which has been utilized as such for the past seventeen years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners direct that all efforts and expenditures planned for the relocation of the Cook County Department of Public Health be terminated.

*** Referred to the Committee on Health & Hospitals on 02-04-09.**

****Deferred at the Health & Hospitals Committee Meeting on 03-05-09.**

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AMENDMENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated March 30, 2009 from Stephen A. Martin, Jr. Ph.D., M.P.H., Chief Operating Officer, Department of Public Health:

the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) respectfully requests the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed amendment to the Cook County Board of Health Ordinance.

This proposed amendment serves two purposes. First, it clarifies the authority of the Cook County Department of Public Health to require certain types of state-licensed providers within the department's jurisdiction to participate in the electronic submission of syndromic surveillance data. This data is extremely useful to the efforts of the Department in communicable disease control and has the potential to alert us to an outbreak in its very early stages, when intervention may be most effective. Many health providers currently participate in this program on a voluntary basis and we would like to pursue participation arrangements with more providers to improve our efforts in this very exciting program.

The second purpose of the proposed amendment is to memorialize authorizations, many of which have been extended to the Department by the Board through Board Resolutions in the past regarding various types of routine memoranda of agreement the Department periodically needs to enter into. These agreements are typically programmatic in nature and do not involve the establishment of fees, except to the extent that fees have been separately approved by the Board and set forth in the schedule found at Chapter 32 Fees of the Cook County Code.

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by

TODD H. STROGER, President, JERRY BUTLER and ELIZABETH "LIZ"
DOODY GORMAN,
County Commissioners

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 38 Health and Human Services, Article II, Sections 38-32, 38-33 and 38-40 of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 38-32. Department powers and duties.

Sec. 38-33. Measures ordered by department.

Sec. 38-40. Agreements ~~Child day care centers visits.~~

*** Referred to the Committee on Health & Hospitals on 04-15-09.**

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REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HOSPITALS TO REVIEW THE COST TO COOK COUNTY OF THE PRACTICE OF OTHER HOSPITALS AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SENDING PATIENTS TO STROGER HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY FOR COSTLY FOLLOW-UP CARE (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Larry Suffredin, County Commissioner; Co-Sponsored by William M. Beavers, Jerry Butler, Forrest Claypool, Earlean Collins, John P. Daley, Bridget Gainer, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Gregg Goslin, Roberto Maldonado, Joan Patricia Murphy, Anthony J. Peraica, Timothy O. Schneider, Peter N. Silvestri, Deborah Sims and Robert B. Steele, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the mission of the Cook County Health & Hospitals System is to provide quality health care to Cook County patients without regard of ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and the Cook County Board of Commissioners in recognition of the need to partner with other non-profit hospitals to reduce the growing number of indigent patients seeking care in Cook County, provide tax exemptions worth millions of dollars with the understanding that the recipient hospitals would provide medical care to indigent or under-insured patients; and

WHEREAS, *the Chicago Tribune* recently conducted an investigation of non-profit hospitals referring indigent and under-insured patients to Stroger Hospital of Cook County to complete costly treatment; and

WHEREAS, *the Chicago Tribune's* investigation found that patients from non-profit facilities in Cook County and as far as Lake and DuPage Counties are being sent to Stroger Hospital of Cook County for costly treatment; and

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WHEREAS, *the Chicago Tribune's* investigation found that governmental health departments in the collar counties continue to refer patients needing costly care to Stroger Hospital of Cook County rather than to non-profit hospitals in their own counties; and

WHEREAS, *the Chicago Tribune's* investigation found that uninsured cancer patients, Medicaid patients with heart disease and immigrants with broken bones have been among those that come to Stroger Hospital of Cook County for urgent follow-up care after being stabilized or evaluated elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, *the Chicago Tribune's* investigation found that some patients arrive in the emergency room of Stroger Hospital of Cook County with diagnosis, treatment recommendations, discharge slips and prescriptions from other hospitals and governmental health departments, along with maps to Stroger Hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Committee on Health & Hospitals be convened to review the cost to Cook County of the practice of other hospitals and county health departments sending patients to Stroger Hospital of Cook County for costly follow-up care.

*** Referred to the Committee on Health & Hospitals on 04-15-09.**

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

Chairman: Butler
Vice-Chairman: Goslin
Members: Committee of the Whole